along with the usual census figures information about the economic condition of the people. A census of cattle and agricultural implements was taken along with the house-numbering operation. A special officer was appointed to conduct the ethnographic survey of primitive tribes, another to investigate and report on disappearing industries and a third to enquire into and report on the economic condition of the coast fishermen.

Public Service.

30. In the course of my reply to representations relating to public service in the last session of the Assembly, I said, with reference to the question of communal representation, that the Government had taken up the matter for earnest consideration and that some means would by devised for making the rules relating to recruitment definite enough for easy application. Representations at past sessions of this Assembly and discussions in the Legislative Council have brought to light the fact that opinion is divided on the subject. Government therefore consider it desirable to constitute a committee to examine the question in its various aspects and to make proposals regarding the principles and methods of recruitment. Necessary orders on the subject will issue shortly.

Legislative Council Election.

31. As the term of three years of the Third Council constituted under Regulation II of 1097 expires before the end of the current Malabar year, a special officer has, as was done at the last three general elections, been appointed to control the work of preparing the electoral rolls. The preliminary rolls have already been published, according to which the total number of voters is 146,380 against 140,331 according to the final rolls of 1103 and 122,450 according to the final rolls of 1100. With a view to promote the convenience of voters, the number of polling stations has been increased from 283 to 364, so as to ensure that as a rule there will not be more than 610 voters in one polling area and that no voter will have to travel more than a distance of six miles to record his vote.

Conclusion.

22. Under the discerning and loving guidance of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, whose one care is the advancement and prosperity of her people, the State has made remarkable progress in a variety of directions. Let us pay our humble tribute of devout loyalty and profound gratitude to Her Highness and pray for Her Highness's long life and happiness.

The Dewan then read the telegram from Sir M. Krishnan Nayar and the letter from Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah Esquire C. S.I., former Dewans of Travancore, conveying their greetings to the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned at 12-50 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Tuesday, the 3rd March, 1931.